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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

BONACCIO ET AL

Examiner

DINH T. LE

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 13, 15, 16, 18, 27, 29, 30 and 41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 3-5, 7-12, 14, 17, 19-26, 28, 31-40 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The specification has been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. However, the applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objection

The claims are objected to because claim 12 is a duplicate of claim 11, claim 26 is a duplicate of claim 25 and claim 40 is a duplicate of claim 39. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 7, 18 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Correction or clarification is required.

In claim 7, the recitation “said current source” on line 1 and “said additional capacitor” on line 3 lacks antecedent basis. It is unclear where they come from. The same is true for claims 18 and 35.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2, 6, 13, 15-16, 18, 27, 29-30 and 41 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (e) as being anticipated by Frans et al (US2005/0035797A).

Frans et al discloses in Figures 3-4 a PLL circuit comprising:

- a phase detector (40);
- a charge pump (52) coupled to the phase detector (40); and
- a filter including a capacitor (54) coupled between a first node (68) and a second node (ground); wherein the capacitor is inherently formed from a group of, i.e., FET capacitor, mica capacitor, or mica capacitor; and
- a compensation circuit (39) coupled to the first node (68) for supplying a compensatory current which is equal to the leakage current to the first node (68). Said the compensation circuit includes a current source (61); an additional capacitor (59) connected between the ground and a voltage buffer (60) and a current mirror (62).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-5, 7-12, 14, 17, 19-26, 28, 31-40 and 42 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims are allowed because the prior art does not disclose an additional capacitor coupled between the first node and a voltage source, a voltage doubler, the sensing element, the delay or the digital to analog converter as combined in the allowed claims.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DINH T. LE whose telephone number is (571) 272-1745. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8AM-7PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TIMOTHY CALLAHAN can be reached at (571) 272-1740.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dinh Le', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

DINH LE
Primary Examiner